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STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES (SFSB)
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Members Present

Lynn Artman
Mike Deprez
John Enkemann – Vice Chair
David Henry
Greg Herman
Donald Hicks
Amy Hodgson
Mark Jensen
Andrew Lenaghan – Via Teleconference
Dean Mallos – **Chair**
Dave Piche
Kassandra Renneberg
Ron Sabin
John Wozniak

Members Absent

David Herbal
Dr. Usamah Mossallam
Thomas Lippens

Guest

Hugh “Skip” Gibson, Insurance Service Organization Representative

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Personnel

Cathy Carson, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary to the Board

Call To Order and Determination of Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Chair Mallos asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Mallos requested a moment of silence for public safety officers and the military. Roll Call by Board Secretary Cathy Carson determined that a quorum was present. Chair Mallos gave emergency exiting procedures. Chair Mallos welcomed everyone. Introductions were made by board members and guests.

Agenda

Chair Mallos requested any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Enkemann to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 15, 2015. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Sabin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Disposition of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Herman to approve the minutes for Thursday, September 24, 2015. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Rennenberg. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Bureau of Fire Services Report

Bureau Updates

Acting State Fire Marshal Mike Deprez (SFM) reported that former SMF Rich Miller resigned his position effective Friday, October 9, 2015. Mike Deprez accepted the position as Acting State Fire Marshal. The BFS staff will continue to work on current projects throughout this transition.

Fireworks Program

The fireworks program has stabilized due to the off selling season. There are a few outstanding citations that have requested hearings through Michigan Administrative Hearings System (MAHS). Data is still being gathered to complete the annual fireworks report for fiscal year 2015. All financial information should be completed by mid-November 2015. A report will be ready to present to the SFSB at the next meeting.

Software Updates

Acting State Fire Marshal (SFM) Deprez reported that the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) is upgrading their database and software systems. BFS will transition to a new software program called Accela. Plan Review will be tied in with the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC). BCC will implement the Accela program on October 31, 2015 and Plan Review is due to follow within a few months. Plan Review will be moving to E-planner. All plans will be filed electronically, which will allow architects, planners and contractors to work from a central depository. This will create tremendous efficiency throughout the bureau. The Storage Tank Division (STD) will phase out the Storage Tank Information Database SID program and move to the Accela software program in the near future.

The Systems Maintenance of Knowledge and Education (SMOKE) program has replaced the old database system known as Information Management System (IMS). SMOKE is used to manage the Fire Fighter Training Division (FFTD) and was implemented in August 2015. Other than a few minor glitches the program is moving along. There has positive feedback from all end users.

Legislative Update

SB - 372: Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R) on June 4, 2015 A bill to amend 1966 PA 291, entitled "Firefighters training council act," by amending section 9 (MCL 29.369), as amended by 2013 PA 166. The Senate has passed the bill – currently referred to the House Committee on Workforce and Talent Development.

Guest Speaker

Skip Gibson, representative of Insurance Service Organization (ISO) gave a presentation on how the fire departments are rated in Michigan. ISO provides information to insurance organizations to utilize, modify or ignore. Insurance companies use ISO information to help establish fair premiums for fire insurance. Overall, carriers offer lower premiums in communities with better protection or a lower rating.

Most fire departments work on the [Public Protection Classification \(PPC\)](#) program. ISO evaluates municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States and the statistical ability to extinguish a fire. These ratings are on 1-10 scale and are calculated on multiple factors of the fire department and community. A 1 rating is the highest score a community can achieve on its PPC.

The PPC is calculated on three overlying areas

1. Alarm system including the dispatch center. These items include equipment, staffing, telephone systems and training.
2. The Fire Department including training, equipment, location of stations, training etc.
3. The water supply system and its capabilities to provide needed fire flow in the event of a fire.

There are more detailed requirements from each of the three and the web-page contains resources for the community on various schedules, tracking information, and detailed guides on how the ratings are calculated.

In addition ISO can look at how a community can withstand or react to a disaster based on its local building codes. The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) program assesses the building codes in effect in individual communities and how those communities enforce their building codes. The assessments place special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards. If you break the concept down: municipalities with well-enforced, up-to-date codes should demonstrate better loss experience, and insurance rates can reflect that.

New Business

2016 SFSB Meeting Schedule.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Henry to adopt the 2016 SFSB meeting schedule. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Herman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments

The SFSB members would like to thank former SFM Rich Miller for his services.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**, at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI.

Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Rennenberg and **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Wozinak to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved

Dean Mallos

Chair, State Fire Safety Board

Date

Dean Mallos

Printed Name of State Fire Safety Board Chair